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SUBJECT: R&R COMMISSION DENIES DROUGHT RELIEF TO ERITREA TERMINATED

- 1. JULY 4 PRESS CARRIES LEAD ARTICLE ENTITLED "RELIEF COMMISSION REFUTES REPORTS ON AID TO ERITREA REGION."
- 2. IN STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 2, R&R COMMISSION SPOKESMAN STATED THAT FOREIGN MASS MEDIA REPORTS ON TERMINATION OF RELIEF MEASURES TO ERITREA DROUGHT VICTIMS WAS BASELESS. COMMISSION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS OF ERITREA, SPOKESMAN SAID, "AS IT HAD DONE IN THE PAST." SINCE APRIL, COMMISSION HAS REPORTEDLY DISTRIBUTED 3,810 QUINTALS OF GRAIN TO DROUGHT AFFECTED PERSONS IN AKELE-GUZAI AND SERAYE AWRAJAS.
- 3. SPOKESMAN SAID "DESPITE CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES IN THE REGION" R&R COMMISSION DOING ALL IT CAN TO HELP DROUGHT VICTIMS AND CALLED ON ERITREAN POPULACE TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COMMENT: JULY 6 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED REPORT THAT 23.5
PERCENT OF POPULATION (500,000 PEOPLE) IN ERITREA HAVE BEEN
REGISTERED AS FAMINE VICTIMS AND THAT 82,000 QUINTALS OF GRAIN
HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN ERITREA DURING PRECEDING TWELVE MONTHS.
SAME ARTICLE, WHICH STATES 1,460,000 QUINTALS GRAIN DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH COUNTRY IN PAST YEAR, MAKES IT CLEAR ERITREA NOT
RECEIVING ASSISTANCE IN PROPORTION TO CLAIMED AT RISK POPULATION.
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